been set up at Central Coir Research Institute, Kalavoor for the production of 'Pithplus' the fungal spawn used for compositing coir pith into organic manure. A field demonstration to convert the entire accumulation of about 2000 MT coir pith into organic manure of a comparative society in Kerala has been taken up on 27.3.1995.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Short term training programme to educate people about the compositing technology is being conducted on a regular basis every month. Based on the experience of the field demonstration presently in progress in Kerala. Coir Board will take further action to popularise conversion of coir pith into organic manure at various coir centres in the country.

MOUs signed with foreign investors

4769. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the MOUs signed between the foreign investors and Central Government/State Governments / Private parties in the country, state-wise, giving the name of the project, total investment involved, etc. during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) what is the present stage of implementation of each of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Details showing state-wise break-up of foreign investment proposals approved in the country during the period from 1.1.93 to 31.3.95 are given in the enclosed statement (*see* below). Statement showing country-wise break-up of foreign investment proposals approved during the period from 1993 to 1995 (upto March) is attached at Annex. [*See* Appindix 173, Annexure No. 95].

The specific details of the individual proposals approved, are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to their monthly Newsletter. Copies of the Newsletter are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b) The progress of implementation varies from project to project and depends, inter alia, on the gestation period.

Statement

Statewise Statement for Foreign Direct Investment cases approved for the period January 1993 to March 1995

State	Jan '93—Mar '95	
	Number	Approved Investment (Rs. Million)
Maharashtra	367	54971.68
Others	425	49265.13
West Bengal	77	34499.42
Delhi	197	26789.59
Gujarat	104	18451.60
Tamil Nadu	203	17093.80
Andhra Pradesh	129	11238.23
Madhya Pradesh	42	9133.82
Orissa	18	8152.83
Karnataka	145	5927.72
Punjab	28	5012.80
Rajasthan	62	3627.71

State	Jan '93—Mar '95	
	Number	Approved Investment (Rs. Million)
Haryana	115	3394.48
Uttar Pradesh	79	2706.19
Pondicherry	17	1147.33
Goa	19	822.05
Chandigarh	10	723.62
Bihar	8	721.19
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	8	402.76
Kerala	21	354.34
Himachal Pradesh	10	139.65
Arunachal. Pradesh	2	110.60
Daman & Diu	6	54.78
Andaman & Nicobar	5	9.84
Assam	3	9.24
Tripura	1	6.80
TOTAL:	2101	254767.19

PSUs headed by Scheduled Caste Chairman

4770. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of public undertakings and enterprises and how many of them are headed by Chairman belonging to Scheduled Caste;

(b) how may such enterprises are presently headless; and

(c) what is Government's policy in regard to appointment of Chairman and appointing heads of public enterprises from amongst the Schedule Caste incumbents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) There are 246 Central Public Sector Undertakings. Information relating to PSEs headed by Chairman belonging to Scheduled Caste is not readily available. This is being collected and will be placed on the table of the house.

(b) Out of the above, the post of Chief Executives (Chairman cum Managing Director/Managing Director) were vacant in 33 PSUs as on 31.3.95.

(c) Board level appointments in PSUs are made on the recommendations of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESE). Eligible candidates (including candidates belonging to SC/ST categories) are short-listed and called for interview. Of the persons called, candidates found suitable on the basis of qualification, job experience and overall merit, are recommended. There is no reservation for SCs for appointment as Chief Executives of the PSUs.

Voluntary Retirement Scheme in PSUs

4771. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1417 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1994 and state the number of employees who had opted for retirement under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme in each public sector undertaking during the last two years?